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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, ILL. (April 28, 1986)--Mt. Healthy, OH native CASS WHITE has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Eastern Illinois University next fall.

The 6-foot-4, 190-pound swingman was a two-time all-conference pick for Mt. Healthy High School in suburban Cincinnati. He also received honorable mention all-city laurels as a senior.

White averaged nine points and eight rebounds a game as a senior for a club that went 24-3 and advanced to the Ohio Class AAA (Large School) semi-finals. Six players averaged between nine and 14 points a game in the balanced Mt. Healthy attack.

"I think Cass is a real sleeper," explains Eastern Illinois Head Coach Rick Samuels. "He is an excellent athlete and has all the physical tools to be a tremendous player. Cass has a 40-inch vertical jump and can play either second guard or small forward. Another thing I really like about Cass is the fact that he assumed a role on his team so that they could become successful. He sacrificed personal statistics for the team... he really could've scored many more points. Cass is also a good student and comes from an excellent program."

The three-year starter averaged 13 points a game as a junior. White is a first-cousin of Sacramento Kings' star LaSalle Thompson. One of Mt. Healthy's many highlights this past season was an upset of Baltimore (MD) Dunbar High School--USA TODAY's number one team in the country--during a Christmas holiday tournament.

Eastern Illinois graduates three-starters--including the school's all-time leading scorer (Jon Collins) and all-time leading rebounder (Kevin Duckworth)--from last year's 19-13 squad. The Panthers were runners-up to NCAA qualifier Cleveland State in the AMCU-8 Post-Season Tournament.